



16th Annual waterSmart waterArt Calendar Contest

Cobb County Water System and Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority invite local 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students to let their creativity flow in the 16th Annual waterSmart waterArt Calendar Contest. We are looking for young artists to use their talent and create a piece of art that answers the question, “How is water important to me?”

A panel of judges will select 12 winners to appear in the 2026 waterSmart calendar, with one winner being selected as the cover artwork. Calendars will be distributed throughout the county.

Selected entries will be displayed in a virtual gallery starting on **Monday, December 15th**. The gallery link will be posted on **cobbcounty.gov/water** and sent to teachers.

Winners will be honored at a reception for the students, families, and teachers on **Wednesday, December 10th**.

Rules:

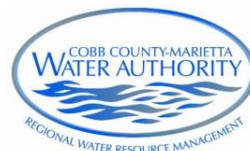
- Must be a 6th – 8th grade student currently enrolled in the Cobb County or City of Marietta School Districts.
- The artwork must follow the theme, “How is water important to me?”
- Must include a 50-word maximum statement of how the artwork depicts the theme, “How is water important to me?” One entry per student; one student per entry.
- All student's artwork will be returned to their respective school in one batch. Distribution of artwork back to the student will be the responsibility of the school's teacher contact. Cobb County Water System (CCWS) and its affiliates are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged artwork.
- The attached entry form must be fully completed by the student, with the release signed by a parent or guardian. CCWS and its affiliates reserve the right to publish – online or in print – the student's first name and last initial, school, and grade, as well as images of the artwork and/or student.
- **ARTWORK MUST BE LANDSCAPE ORIENTATION**. Any artwork not in landscape orientation will not be considered for judging.

How to Enter:

- Create a piece of 2-dimensional art – using any medium you prefer – that represents “how is water important to me?” Please note – The focus is on tap and natural water, not bottled water! Examples of mediums may include colored pencils, paint, crayons, photo collages, mixed mediums, etc., so get creative!
- Clearly print your name, school, teacher's name, and grade on the back of the artwork submission. Work with your teacher to complete the entry form and submit the needed materials.
- Do not glue or tape the entry form to the artwork. Please attach it with a paperclip or the like.
- Mail artwork and entry forms to Cobb County Water System to be **RECEIVED** by **Friday, October 10th, at 3 p.m.** The judging panel meets on October 14th, late entries will not be accepted. If artwork needs to be dropped off, please contact:

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Cobb County Water System
688 South Cobb Drive, Marietta, GA 30060



Entry Form – Please Print Clearly

Student's Name _____ Age _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent's Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Teacher's Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

50-word maximum statement how the artwork depicts the theme "How is water important to me?":

Release Statement:

As a parent/guardian of _____, I give Cobb County Water System (CCWS) and any of its affiliates permission to use my child's artwork, photograph, and written statement for the waterSmart waterArt calendar. I also grant permission to release said materials to the media, to be published online, to be used in conjunction with social media platforms, and to be used in promotional materials and reports. CCWS and its affiliates reserve the right to publish – online or in print – the student's first name and last initial, school, grade, as well as images of the artwork and/or student, in conjunction with the waterSmart waterArt calendar contest. I have read the rules of entry and understand that CCWS, CCMWA, and their affiliates cannot be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged artwork.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date